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Another egg-cellent hunt!

Elk Point volunteer firefighters Jon Schmitt (left) and Mark Gormley congratulate the winners at the Fifth Annual Good Friday Egg Hunt. Tiny Heidi Sibal, in the age four and under group, shown with dad Elvis, Ethan Castle-Wassen, in the five- to eight-year-old group, and Wolke Cueva, in the nine to 12 group, battled their way through crowds of hunters and tracked down the big golden eggs to qualify for the grand prize baskets of Easter goodies. Friday's event started off with a pancake breakfast served up by the Elk Point Volunteer Firefighters, with the whole community invited to come down to the fire hall and enjoy this long weekend treat. More photos, Page 12.

Council researching more angle parking

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point town council is considering adding more angle parking on main street, after receiving a request from local business owner Curtis Porcina, asking that the east side of the street be changed from parallel to angle parking.

Porcina said he felt the change would be beneficial to all the main street businesses and said he had heard complaints from customers about the limited parking. With the town expanding, he felt more parking spaces would benefit everyone.

The request was discussed at the Public Works meeting, and it has been determined that the 62-foot width of the street between 50 Ave. and Railway Ave. would accommodate two rows of angle parking and leave a 26-foot driving lane, providing an appropriate angle was used.

Mayor Parrish Tung said he would like feedback from the community on the change, and along with council, "would like to see if the RCMP has concerns" with the proposed change.

Town manager Myron Goyan feels it also would be necessary to review the parking section of the land use bylaw before such a change could take place. It was noted that more signage would be required and that regulations limiting angle parking to vehicles one ton and under would have to be enforced.

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County tables decision on Owlseye road

BY JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

County of St. Paul council discussed its options following the decision by the Minister of Alberta Environment Sustainable Resource Development to reverse an approval of a permit that would have allowed the county to cross a wetland to build a road in the Owlseye area, at its regular April 8 meeting.

The first option included in the April agenda is to do nothing and not proceed with the building of the road.

The second option is to reapply for a permit and include in the application why avoidance of the wetland is not an option, according to the agenda, and work toward solving traffic safety concerns in the hamlet of Owlseye.

"Indications from AESRD is that they are willing

to receive another application regarding the crossing of this wetland, as long as it includes the avoidance issues," says the county's agenda. If a permit is approved, the public can appeal it again and the county could experience the same type of costs associated with mediation and appeal hearings, about \$25,000.

The third option is a judicial review of the minister's decision, which would incur costs of about \$12,500.

"In order to succeed before the court, the county would have to establish not only that the board's decision was incorrect but that it was unreasonable. While the county may have some good arguments to support a judicial review, the court would likely show some deference to the board," says the agenda.

Prior to discussing the issue, council decided to move the agenda item In Camera. CAO Sheila Kitz explained after the meeting that some correspondence

had been received and legal counsel was required.

Council then made a motion to table a decision regarding the road until administration had more information.

Livestock trailer

Ian Fox with the Alberta Emergency Management Agency took time to speak to county council regarding the potential purchase of an Emergency Livestock Trailer, to be used in emergencies that deal with animals.

Fox said he believes a plan needs to be put in place to deal with emergencies with livestock, such as vehicle collisions. He said some of the volunteers with the St. Paul AG Society are already entering into training and bringing local ag societies into emergency response plans is important.

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Dated at St. Paul, Alberta April 15, 2014.

Sheila Kitz, Chief Administrative Officer



Sharilee Fossom, Northlands Acting President & CEO, left, and Laura Gadowsky, Chair, Northlands Board of Directors, congratulate Kevin Wirsta.

Volunteer honoured by Northlands

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Edmonton Northlands hosted their annual Volunteer Appreciation Night on April 16th. The evening is dedicated to honoring the years of service and exceptional contributions by individual volunteers of Edmonton Northlands.

Kevin Wirsta was honored with the Ambassador Award. Mistress of Ceremonies, Cathy Kiss, Vice President, Corporate Relations with Northlands remarked... "Kevin has been a wonderful volunteer chair and a Northlands volunteer for 6 years. Kevin has a calm and thoughtful approach to decision making and has a unique ability to bring a group to a consensus. Kevin has represented Northlands on his ranch and at other beef events in Western Canada and has event represented Northlands internationally – as far away as Brazil! He has been a great ambassador, giving freely of his time and knowledge. Kevin has also been key in directing the Farnfair International Beef Programs over the last 3 years."

The presentations were followed by a Gala Dinner and an evening of entertainment.

Town council

(Continued from Front Page)

Town Audit

Barb McCarthy of Joly, McCarthy and Dion* Chartered Accountants paid her annual visit to council, bringing the 2013 town audit. She gave council a rundown on the entire document, noting that the town is "not in financial difficulty," but encouraging them to "keep up the land sales" for optimum results.

Council later approved the 2013 Financial Statement as presented.

Land use amendment

The public hearing held prior to the council meeting on Bylaw 724/24, Land Use Amendment that would allow an area to be rezoned from R1 Residential to R3 High Density Residential did not bring forth any objectors or anyone speaking in favour of the change. With no opposition to the change forthcoming, Council gave the bylaw second and third readings.

Evergreen

Council received the audited financial statement from Evergreen Regional Waste Management, and passed a motion to pay Elk Point's portion of the deficit.

Elk Point's representative to Evergreen, Coun. Debra McQuinn, was asked to tell the board that council is concerned with the escalating costs of waste disposal.

Solar lights

Council was told that the town needs at least four, and possibly as many as eight more solar lights to complete the row along the walking

trail paralleling 50 Ave. Council agreed with a recommendation from the public works committee to go ahead and order the lights to complete the project.

Declaration

Mayor Parrish Tung has declared April 28 as the National Day of Mourning in Elk Point, as people across Canada remember workers killed, injured or disabled at work. In 2013, Alberta lost 188 workers to workplace injury or illness, according to information received from the Workmen's Compensation Board.

Magic show

Mayor Parrish Tung outlined plans for the town-sponsored magic show scheduled for April 30 at the Arts and Leisure Centre, and hopes that since admission to the event is free of charge, "we'll pack the building." He noted that F. G. Miller High School's P.U.P group is "really hyped up" about helping with the event, and is eager to help with setup as well as to run the concession. The P.U.P members have told him that in keeping with the spirit of the occasion, they plan to sell refreshments at a very reasonable price rather than using the event as a fundraiser.

Proposed mural

Elk Point Early Childhood Development Coalition has contacted the town regarding a potential site for a mural depicting early childhood development in "the multigenerational, multicultural community with unique assets that

contribute to a positive childhood," such as schools, library, parks, etc. The coalition noted that community members of all ages would be invited to complete the mural under the guidance of an artist, and indicated the project would be financed with the \$25,000 grant they had received to promote early childhood development in the community.

The north wall of the Play2Learn Day Care, Mural Park and the recreation area north of A. G. Ross Arena were suggested as locations, along with the west wall of the library. The day care was the coalition's first choice, but the possibility of future development on what is now the parking lot has them considering a portable mural that could later be moved to one of the other locations, if required.

Council agreed that any of the listed sites would be appropriate for such a project.

Playground

With local children ready to head to the playgrounds in celebration of spring, the public works department will be sent to take a look at the north hill playground to see what can be done with it. The Community Lions "have some money" that could go toward refurbishing it, Coun. Debra McQuinn indicated, and Mayor Tung suggested obtaining a CIP grant. The swings at Markstad Park are in bad shape and "should go", council agreed.



County of St. Paul No. 19 NOTICE TO RATEPAYERS

To complete assessments for 2014, County Assessors will be conducting physical inspections of properties throughout the County.

Your cooperation with Assessors is greatly appreciated, as it is essential in determining equitable property assessments.

Glenn Zayac, A.M.A.A.
County of St. Paul No. 19

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Easthope honoured for Remembrance Day commitment

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

When the Elk Point Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 151 closed in November 2004 after 60 years of accomplishments, the torch of remembering those who have served our country was passed to a caring community. As the Legion led its last Remembrance Day ceremony that year, Mayor Parrish Tung assured Legion president Gene Russell that Elk Point "Will do everything we can to keep this ceremony going."

As Remembrance Day approached the following year, Mayor Tung rallied his troops, meeting with Russell, who had transferred to the St. Paul Legion branch, FCSS director Deanna Easthope, who had assisted Russell with the arrangements and details when declining membership made it difficult for the Legion to carry out the annual event, and FCSS board member Thomas Kondla. The four planned the event and found volunteers to assist with the wreath-laying ceremony, take part in the indoor program and prepare and serve the lunch.

In each of the eight Novembers since MLA Ray Danyluk presented a framed Alberta Centennial gold medal-



Deanna Easthope proudly displays the plaque presented by St. Paul Royal Canadian Legion Branch, recognizing her efforts in making sure Elk Point's Remembrance Day observances continued after the closure of the local Legion branch in 2004.

lion to Russell in commemoration of the service by the Elk Point Branch and acknowledging The Year of the Veteran, the contribution of Alberta's veterans and their service in the past, Easthope has been a vital part of the 'We Remember' Committee, which has continued to proudly carry the torch of remembrance in Elk

Point and District.

Last week, the St. Paul Royal Canadian Legion Branch recognized Easthope's part in more than a decade of Remembrance Day services, both as a helping hand to the dwindling membership of the Elk Point Legion Branch and after its closure, with the presentation of a handsome plaque.

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by Your Natural Choice Apple Drugs pharmacist, Chris Letawsky

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- Dementia, of which Alzheimer's disease is the most common form, affects 44 million people worldwide. That number will increase to 135 million by 2050. There hasn't been any new drugs created for the past ten years to treat the disease. A Danish company has a new drug that it hopes to release in about three years.
- World Malaria day is commemorated every year on April 25. Half the world's population is at risk of contracting malaria. In 2009, 790,000 people in Africa alone died from the disease. The incidence of the disease can be reduced by the use of insecticide-treated bed nets, treatment of the disease with medications and using preventative treatment of pregnant women.
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EDITORIAL

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How can we do this? Here's three Rs:

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Recycle. Bottles, cans, tetra packs to the bottle depot, paper, cardboard and cans to the county recycle, plastic to Cold Lake or Bonnyville. Stop for ice cream to reward yourself for being earth-friendly.

Repurpose. Buy something new, but find a new use for what you're replacing. Use your imagination!

Way Back When...

Recreation, DARE and 'a great day'

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 22 IN...

1984

Mayor Ed Buck told the chamber of commerce that the town was contemplating purchase of a tract of land for a golf course, ball diamonds and rodeo grounds and had \$86,000 in the bank earmarked for recreational development.

1989

Mayor Bruce Kleeberger proclaimed April 23 to 30 as 'Save the Children Week' when Marnie McCowan, Tina and Colin Bjorkman of the Elk Point chapter of CANSAVE visited town council.

1994

The future of the abandoned rail line between Elk Point and Heinsburg and its potential use as a recreational corridor for horse and ATV enthusiasts, snowmobilers, cross-country skiers, cyclists and hikers was discussed by close to 50 landowners and other interested individuals at a meeting in Elk Point, with a few landowners feeling it should be strictly for pasture.

1999

Forty-two Elk Point Elementary School Grade Six students were better equipped to deal with the problems of drugs, alcohol and peer pressure when they graduated from the DARE Program during Education Week, with Spirit of DARE awards going to outstanding students Courtnee Bintz and Brett Bekker.

2004

Talent exploded in Elk Point, with juniors Coral Littlejohn of Bonnyville and Samantha Novlan and youths Cory Poitras of St. Paul and Greg Wood of Bonnyville going on to further competition at Edmonton Northlands during Klondike Days.

2009

What Minister of Municipal Affairs Ray Danyluk called "A great day for libraries" saw Northern Lights Library System staff and boards and staff of libraries across the province glued to teleconference screens as Premier Ed Stelmach announced a 39 per cent increase in provincial funding for libraries.

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HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Closure, concerns, construction hit Elk Point's 1980 headlines

ELK POINT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Review Contributors

February

According to Steve Andrishak, "During the last cold spell, things got so bad up north that the coyotes had to use booster cables to get the rabbits going."

Elk Point Hospital Board and hospital administrator Walter Saranchuk gave five new wheelchairs a trial run after they were presented to the board by the 18-member Hospital Auxiliary.

Elk Point Pacers retained their own trophy for the seventh year in a row at their annual tournament, that championship team including Vito Bommarito, Jerry Sandboe, Gord Miller, Richard Dietmeyer, Ray Danyluk, Bruce Cooper, Dave Shankowski, Ralph Howard and John Hutton.

Town council accepted the resignation of PSS director Ann Riley, who took a position with Alberta Social Services and Community Health. PSS board chair Ken Bucyk told council that in light of the friction at the time of the budget presentation, the board would like input on the duties of a new director.

March

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce held a very searching discussion of the aims and purposes of the organization, during which Elk Point Sentinel publisher Erik Nielsen said the chamber "has no other option than to continue pursuing the 'impossible' or 'fruitless' ventures. To simply give up would mean the death of the chamber, if not today, next month, next year or sometime."

The Municipal Planning Committee tackled the growth of the community, with particular attention given to the residential sector and the effect that growth to the north would have on traffic flow between the schools. An alternate north-south route was proposed through the ravine, but the committee was unanimously opposed to this destruction of the natural beauty.

Elk Point town council and developer Steve Ference met head-on regarding cost and cost-sharing of services in the new subdivision on the west side of town, Ference maintaining that it was up to the town to install utility lines, and Mayor Habiak stating that this all should have been established by Ference's engineers before construction began.

The closure of the local office of Elk Point Reflections was front page news for the Elk Point Sentinel in the first week of January, 1980, with Reflections editor Betty Gray reporting that her home would now be the local editorial base for the Mannville-published weekly.

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce discussed the proposed construction of a chemical waste plant above the North Saskatchewan River at Duvernay that would require the use of large quantities of water, which would then be purified and returned to the river, raising concerns regarding the potential contamination of the river water with "some of the most highly toxic chemicals presently in use" at the time, should the plant malfunction or an accidental spill occur.

Building permits totaled nearly \$2 million in 1979, reported bylaw officer Ralph Riemer at town council's first meeting of 1980, with 114 permits issued for projects that added up to \$1,780,515, more than double the value of construction in 1978, \$210,000 ahead of 1977 and \$430,000 ahead of 1976. However, it did not come close to the \$3.49 million in 1975, when construction got underway on the Elk Point Co-op store.

"Rumours, conflicting reports and general nonsense" regarding the Elk Point steering committee for the Alberta 75th Anniversary and available \$20 per capita grants led to town council's official statement that the committee was to carry on until guidelines were received stating how the money could be spent. If they fit those guidelines, organizations would receive funding for projects submitted to the committee.

Town council scuttled the Preventive Social Services budget, Mayor Mike Habiak feeling major programs had been dropped and "the original concept of PSS drastically altered" by director Ann Riley. The budget later passed, after "over two hours of bitter and sometimes very acrimonious debate" and hearing from Paul Dube, area consultant with Health and Welfare, who pointed out that the aims of PSS were up to municipal governments to determine.

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KAILEY WIRSTA
Club Reporter

The Elk Point 4-H Beef Club came together with their steers and heifers on April 12th for our Annual Mini Achievement Day held at K-Cow Ranch. We had 100 per cent attendance at our mini achievement day this year, which is where we get to clip and practice showmanship with our steers and heifers. We started the day with a short meeting followed by a clipping demonstration given by our project leader, Kevin Wirsta.

After the clipping demonstration, we had a potluck lunch. It was delicious! Later in the day we had a showmanship demonstration given by

Kevin Wirsta. All the kids got the opportunity to clip their calves and practice their showmanship skills. All the calves that were clipped looked like professionals walking out of the building to go home! Everyone had a great and fun time. Our next meeting will be on May 3rd following Highway Clean-up. Please slow down and watch for us on Highway 41 north and south of Elk Point on May 3rd.

We would like to remind everyone that we are still collecting batteries. If you have any that you would like to donate to the club, please contact one of our members or leaders. If anyone is looking for 4-H cookbooks,

we now have some on hand, just contact one of our members or leaders. We are looking forward to our Club Achievement Day on May 24th, at the Ag Barn in Elk Point. Everyone is invited to attend.

All of our members and leaders wearing our new club jackets sponsored by Boychuk Ventures.

Submitted photo

We would like to thank everyone who bought a personalized cake pan from our club in our last fundraiser. We also welcome new members to join 4-H. We will make sure to keep you up to date with all of our club activities and fundraisers.



Showmanship, clipping and grooming in action at the Mini Achievement Day (above).



Members get in some clipping practice.

Submitted photos



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County council

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The St. Paul AG Society has facilities that could be used in case of emergencies, says Fox, adding, "People don't like leaving home without their pets."

He explained that there is work being done to gather information and statistics of livestock collisions, and he is looking at the possibility of having a trailer that can be used regionally so different municipalities can come together and purchase one trailer for the area.

Fox said he estimates the cost of a trailer with panels to contain livestock would cost about \$17,000. After briefly discussing the issue with council, Fox said he would continue to put information together and come back to council with a proposal.

Traffic Impact Study

Council tabled a decision regarding a request from the Town of St. Paul to participate in a Regional Collaboration Grant to do a traffic impact study and Area Structure Plan north of St. Paul, on TWP 582.

Coun. Cliff Martin asked what outcome the town was looking for by conducting the study.

"What are we trying to find out by doing this?"

Kitz responded by saying she believed the town was looking at what road structures should be in place and what type of development should take place in the area.

Coun. Maxine Fodness voiced concern over the idea of an Area Structure Plan since it would be a statutory document that needs to be followed. She added that there are about a dozen county landowners included in the area in question.

Coun. Frank Sloan also brought up the fact that the road has been discussed in the past as a possible ring road, adding, there are a lot of other decisions that would have to be made if this is again being looked at.

Council tabled a decision on the request.

Transportation

The Senior Transportation Grant offered to local senior groups by the county was briefly discussed at this

month's council meeting.

Requests from the Heritage Lodge Auxiliary Society in Elk Point and the Mallaig & District Seniors were approved for \$5,000 and \$1,000, respectively.

Sloan said he would like the county to make sure this grant continues to be available to local seniors.

"We need to put some money in each year," said Sloan.

Coun. Dwight Dach also voiced his support of the grant saying, "For a lot of those seniors, that's their only way to get out."

Rezoning

Council defeated the first reading of a bylaw that would have rezoned a parcel of land northwest of St. Paul from Agricultural to Country Residential 1.

Fodness voiced her concern over the request for rezoning. She noted that the maximum number of parcels have already been taken off the piece of land, according to the Land Use Bylaw.

She also said that some of the residents in the area are not in favour of the rezoning and that there are two sloughs on the parcel of land.

Dach said the county should encourage the towns to have bigger lots, to reduce the number of multi-lot subdivisions.

Sloan also pointed out that access to the lots would be a problem.

Kalyna Country

Sheila Neil presented council with information about the Kalyna Country ecomuseum, which takes in a large area in northeastern Alberta. She explained that the organization works to get people from the cities out to visit the area.

"Just wanted to say we're here, we're doing our thing," said Neil, adding, "Let's work together."

Airport

Crack filling at the St. Paul Airport is needed, and a total cost of the project is pegged at \$42,763, with the county covering half the cost, and the Town of St. Paul covering the other half.

The estimated amount falls within the county's budget, and a motion was made to proceed with the repairs.



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Two AA ball teams this year

Spring is here, the Leafs are out, but it's still too darn cold and wet to do an out door ball practice. That hasn't stopped he Sox training camp, which has been in full swing for three weeks now, doing indoor practices two times a week at the new F. G. Miller gym. The Sox this year now have fielded two teams for provincial play; the Peewees and Bantams have entered AA and will be starting the first weekend in May. And it looks very promising this year that we will also enter a Mosquito team for single A play starting in July after the Lakeland League winds up.



**doug
BASSETT**
Review Sports

All of our players have returned from last year's provincial winning team, some of them will be moving up to Bantam, playing under head coach Lorn Berg and his two sons, the ex-Sox players Dustin and Dylan. The Pee wee team will have some veterans and also see some new younger rookies who have moved up to Pee wee. They will be coached by last year's staff of myself, Dennell Anderson and Darcy Pankiw.

Baseball has really grown recently in our town at the lower levels; rally cap has about 24 signed up and possibly four rookie ball teams of eight each. Rookie ball has always been coach pitch but the Lakeland League has changed to a format that teams play with only six infield players, no out fielders and that allows the players more action and less standing around getting bored. Time will tell how well it works, but it sounds like it should keep the kids playing. In the Lakeland League girls softball have a similar program in mites, which is also going to smaller teams.

This coming weekend Elk Point Minor Ball will be hosting a one day umpire clinic on Saturday starting a 9 a.m. at F. G. Miller High School. This is a good way to make some extra money, umpires are always needed and anyone over 12, male or female, can take the course.

How about our man, the hometown guy, Mark the "Marksman" Letestu? He was part of the history the other night with the Blue Jackets first ever win in

post-season play against his former team, the Pittsburgh Penguins. Lots of ice time for the "Marksman" who usually plays on the power play and always on the entire PK (penalty kills). He's a specialist on winning face offs and is a real sniper when left alone in the slot. He has one goal as of press time. It's a huge task, but most of us here are hoping the underdogs can upset the Penguins. The "Marksman" can make a difference, he always has on every team he has played on, even when he played ball for me!!!!

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week "Most people have the will to win. Few have the will to prepare to win." Last week's answer to: "I played everything. I played lacrosse, baseball, hockey, soccer, track and field. I was a big believer that you played hockey in the winter and when the season was over you hung up your skates and you played something else." - Wayne Gretzky.

Quad thief sought

SGT. DAVE CASEY
Elk Point RCMP

The Elk Point RCMP are seeking the public's assistance in identifying suspect(s) in two separate incidents.

The Elk Point RCMP received several complaints on the morning of Wednesday April 16th that there had been an unknown person going through the yards overnight along 54A Street, 54 Street and the Ravine Drive area. The suspect had attempted to get into unlocked vehicles and garages.

The suspect entered the backyard of a residence at the corner of 50th Ave and 54 Street and stole a 1998, green, Yamaha quad. The quad was possibly driven through town and went through the fields north of the Hilltop Inn and through a property located nearby.

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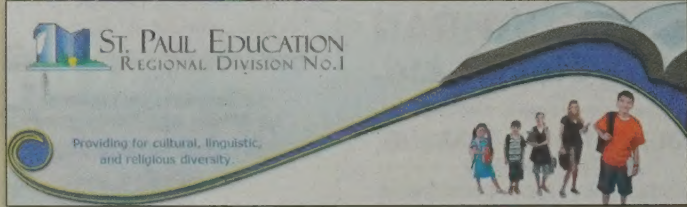
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Iron Horse Mini challenges runners with 32 km trek

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Review Contributor

The Iron Horse Mini is set to take place on May 31, and organizer Cassandra Shaw said she hopes the 32 km run from St. Paul to Elk Point will attract a number of local participants while promoting a healthy lifestyle.

Shaw said the idea for the Iron Horse Mini came about due to the rousing success of the Iron Horse Ultra, a 100 km or 100 mile run through the Iron Horse Trail that takes place annually in October.

"The idea behind putting on the mini, we found with the Ultra that because it is such a long race... some people get scared away by the distance," she said. "We thought this way we could create a little more awareness with a mini and get more people out there and realize it doesn't matter how long it takes you to finish,

ish, it's more just the goal of accomplishing it."

Athletes can take on the Iron Horse Mini one of three ways, as a soloist, as a two-person team taking on legs of 16 km each, or as a four-person split into 8 km legs.

Shaw added the Iron Horse Ultra and the Iron Horse Mini have been gathering a good deal of attention from runners across the province and beyond, and she hopes the mini will attract more local athletes, regardless of skill or experience.

"We wanted to get more people locally. We want people to get out there and do it, get out there and run, promote their health and do good things for their body," she said. A shuttle service will be made available to transport athletes back to St. Paul upon completion of the run.

"I think it's a good start to the season. I know that lots of people that have signed up to run it are people that aren't regular runners," she said. They might be walking part of it, and we definitely encourage that. We love having anyone come out to complete it."

Anyone interested in taking on the Iron Horse Mini can register at ironhorseultra.com, while anyone interested in volunteering their time for the event can contact Monique Poulin at (780) 645-4044.

Quad theft

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The quad has dark tubing fastened to the back of it to keep the fenders from sagging.

Shots fired

On Wednesday April 16th, at 8:30 pm, a minivan entered the school yard of the Heinsburg School and fired several shots into the school causing damage. There was no one in the school at the time and no one was injured. The suspects fired from the van and quickly left the area.

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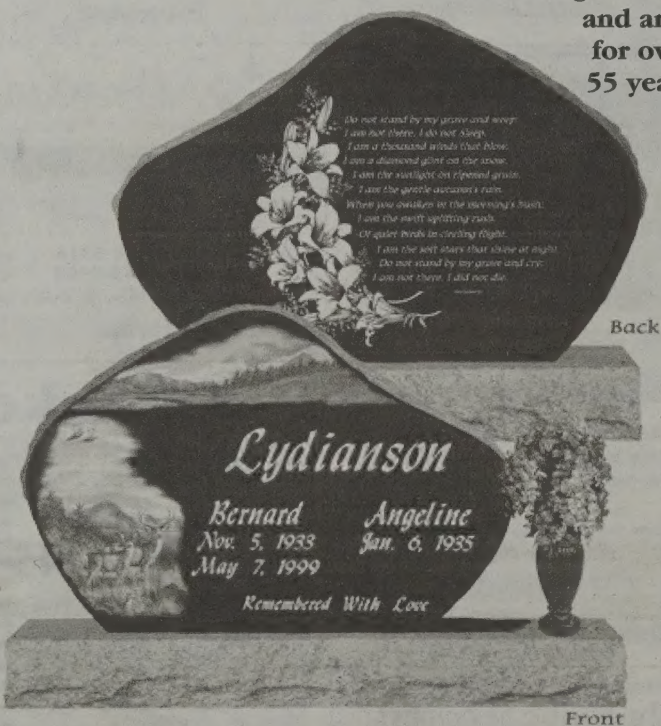
Mark Gormley leads a group of volunteers in singing 'Happy Birthday' to Fire Chief Ken Palamarek, above. At right, the hunt is in full swing in the firefighters' rec room.



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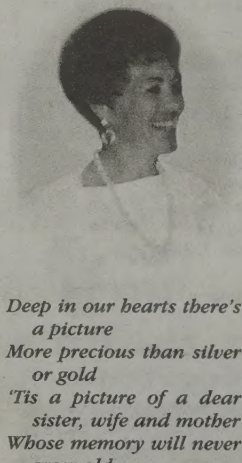
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